

## Issue 47

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### From the President's Desk

**Dolores Krick, York County Farm Bureau President**

Happy New Year! Your York County Farm Bureau has lots planned for this coming year. We are planning a farm to table event, and we are hoping to do a farm tour this fall. I hope you will make a New Years Resolution to become more active in Farm Bureau. We are looking for volunteers to help with each of these events, there will be lots of planning and we will need lots of volunteers to put on such a wonderful event. Please contact me to help.

As you are planning your year, plan to visit your legislatures to tell the about your farm and concerns. Would you like someone to come along? Give me a call and we will have someone experienced to tag along.

There are lots of opportunities in Farm Bureau, I invite you to explore more of what we do. We have opportunities for everyone to get involved.

Thank you for your membership in Farm Bureau! We hope to see you at our events this year!

*Dolores Krick, President*

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### Keystone State Farm Show

Stop out at see us at the Farm Bureau Booth during the Annual Keystone State Farm Show, January 10-12, 2023 at the York Fairgrounds. Free admission to over 400 Agricultural & Construction Exhibitors! This is the largest commercial farm equipment and service provider tradeshow in PA. Hours are 9 AM—4 PM Tuesday & Wednesday, and 9 AM—3 PM Thursday. PA Farm Bureau will be at Booth 1047—1049 in Building 1 (Expo Arena).



### 2023 Membership Directory

York County Farm Bureau is putting together a 2023 Membership Directory that will be published and distributed to all members in 1st Quarter of 2023. Any famer, rancher, business who is a Farm Bureau Member can submit their information online to be added to this directly. Who doesn't love free advertising!

Go to this link and submit your information today!

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For more information feel free to contact Dolores Krick directly at (717) 487-4556.

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## What is YAP?

Have you heard the term “YAP” at a Farm Bureau event? YAP stands for Young Ag Professionals. This is a division of Farm Bureau much like Women’s Leadership and Ag Promotion. You must be between the ages of 18 and 35 to join and can join as an individual or a couple! This mission of YAP is to provide leadership in building a more effective Farm Bureau to preserve our individual freedoms and expand our opportunities in agriculture.

Registration is open now for the upcoming 2023 YAP Leadership Conference at the Wyndham Garden in Boalsburg, PA on February 4-5, 2023. Deadline to register is Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 5 PM.



Are you in this age range and would like to know more?

Reach out to one of the Board members listed on page 3 or reach out to Justin Clapper at [jdclapper@pfb.com](mailto:jdclapper@pfb.com) or (570) 971-2289.

Source: PFB

## 2023 PA Farm Show

The 107th PA Farm Show will run January 7-14, 2023 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA. The theme this year is Rooted in Progress, celebrating our roots—roots that bind us together, sustain us, and nourish the remarkable progress we’re making together. PA’s \$132.5 billion agriculture industry is growing, rooted in a strong past, and on a solid course to a flourishing future. New this year will be goat yoga, llamas, and Culinary Connections every day, every hour! Of course you can’t go to the Farm Show without visiting the food court!

Admission is free, but parking is \$15 and can be paid in cash or card at the gate. There is a free shuttle service provided for satellite parking lots.

Stop by the PA Farm Bureau booth in the Giant Expo Hall Booth #2500. You can visit with Farm Bureau Reps and see the new interactive Giant Immersion Lab!

Source: [www.farmshow.pa.gov](http://www.farmshow.pa.gov)



## PA Farm Bureau Members Chosen to Boards

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau members and staff regularly participate on state advisory boards and commissions, as well as other groups formed to provide advice and counsel to state officials. On Dec. 1, Farm Bureau President Chris Hoffman and Dairy Committee member Glenn Stoltzfus joined the Pennsylvania Animal Health and Diagnostic Commission (AHDC).

The AHDC includes six farmers among its membership and serves to facilitate an integrated approach to the diagnosis and investigation of disease in farm animals, as well as to allow planned interventions in disease outbreaks rather than crisis interventions. The AHDC meets six times annually.

Farm Bureau Environmental Specialist Grant Gulibon was recently elected to chair the DEP Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) for 2023. The AAB provides advice and expertise to the DEP Secretary regarding the nature of agriculture in the Commonwealth. The board also reviews and provides comment on DEP policies, rules, and regulations which have an impact or a potential impact on agriculture or the agricultural community.

Finally, Farm Bureau Manager of Government Affairs and Communications Justin Clapper was recently appointed to Governor-elect Josh Shapiro’s Economic Development transition team. He will be serving on the Rural/Agriculture subcommittee and providing perspective to the new administration on ways to grow agriculture in Pennsylvania and improve rural quality of life.

Source: PFB

## Hayride Amended Variance Update

On Monday, December 19, 2022, PA Secretary of Agriculture Russell Reading issued an amended variance order regarding the hayride attractions. In the amended variance order, it further defined a hayride attraction as a regulation towing vehicle pulling a wagon or trailer for convenience, ease of access, or safety of passengers. For example, a farmer towing people from a parking area to a field to pick pumpkins would not be included as a hay ride attraction!

Farm Bureau once again has been working hard on behalf of agriculture in PA. Farm Bureau thanks members for their input on this issue!

Source: Lily Guthrie, PFB

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## **AFBF Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of AFBF will be held January 6-11, 2023 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. If you do not plan to attend in person, you can log in virtually for \$25.00! Go to <https://annualconvention.fb.org> to register.

*Source: AFBF*

## **Change in Antlerless License Sales**

The way hunters apply for Pennsylvania antlerless deer licenses is about to change for the first time in decades.

Senate Bill 431, which would allow hunters to buy antlerless licenses through the HuntFishPA automated licensing service, was signed into law this week. When it takes effect with the 2023-24 license year, antlerless licenses will be available for purchase online or in person at any license issuing agent.

PFB is in favor of the legislation aimed at making it easier to purchase an antlerless license when you purchase an antlered license.

The Game Commission, hunting organizations including the National Deer Association, Pennsylvania Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists, the United Bowhunters of Pennsylvania and others, and everyday hunters supported the bill, championing it as the final step to fully modernizing license sales.

Until now, hunters applied for antlerless licenses via mail, sending those familiar pink envelopes to county treasurers, the only entity permitted to sell them. They had to do so according to a set schedule, with various deadlines based on state residency and rounds of sales, using a self-addressed stamped envelope and paper checks, something increasingly foreign to some hunters.

There were, in short, a lot of variables in play, and that occasionally led to problems with hunters getting licenses or not.



Given all that, the pink envelope system was seen by many as a barrier to hunting participation, especially when it comes to recruiting new hunters. Allowing for antlerless license sales through HuntFishPA will address those issues.

Prior to the start of next license year, the Game Commission will notify hunters on the process for applying for an antlerless license under the new system.

*Source: PFB*

## It's Not Too Late to Renew!

It's not too late to renew your Farm Bureau Membership for 2023. If you did not renew by December 31, 2022 you can still renew for the year. Contact any Farm Bureau member listed on page 3, mail in your renewal, or renew online at <https://members.pfb.com>

Your annual Farm Bureau dues are \$100.00 a year and cover your entire family. You have access to discounts from eye glasses, insurance, shopping, hotels, and local vendors. Being a Farm Bureau member also gives you the access to help make changes in Agriculture to better not only your farm or ranch, but your neighbors throughout the County and State. Farm Bureau members are **leading together**.

We will also be at the Farm Bureau booth at the PA Farm Show in Harrisburg and the Keystone Show at York Fairgrounds this month, so stop out and see us and renew then!

## Ag Promotion T.A.S.K. Conference

The annual T.A.S.K. Conference hosted by the PFB Ag Promotion Committee will be held March 10-11, 2023 at the Penn State Hotel in State College, PA. Friday night will be meet & greet with game night. Saturday is a full day of exhibit booths, breakout sessions, lunch, and a Keynote speaker.

T.A.S.K. stands for Together Advocacy Stimulates Knowledge. Registration is free for event, hotel expenses are on your own. Deadline is February 20. Go to [www.pfb.com](http://www.pfb.com) and click on the Ag Promotion Tab under Get Involved for schedule and registration!

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### Ag Promotion T.A.S.K. conference

Together | Advocacy  
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York County Board Member Lester Vough was elected onto the Ag Promotion Committee at the 72nd Annual Meeting in Hershey.

Source: PFB

## PA Agriculture Fact

Farming represents the backbone of Pennsylvania's heritage. With 52,000 farms and 7.3 million acres of farmland, agriculture is also a big business in Pennsylvania, accounting for approximately \$83.8 billion in direct economic output, 280,500 jobs and \$10.9 billion in earnings.

## Are You Turning 65 This Year and Going on Medicare?

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AFBF Annual Meeting

January 6-11, 2023, San Juan, Puerto Rico

### PA Farm Show

January 7-14, 2023, Harrisburg, PA

### Keystone Farm Show

January 10-12, 2023, York, PA

### York County Farm Bureau Meeting

January 26, 2023, 6 PM Hoss's West York

### State YAP Conference

February 4-5, 2023, Boalsburg, PA

### York County Farm Bureau Meeting

February 23, 2023 6 PM Hoss's East York

### TASK Conference

March 10-11, 2023, State College

### Region 2 District Meeting

March 14, 2023, 9:30 AM, Harrisburg, PA

### York County Farm Bureau Meeting

March 23, 2023 6 PM Hoss's West York



## PA Farm Bureau Region 2 Lunch & Learn

Each year PA Farm Bureau Region 2 has an annual meeting held at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel. The agenda will include presentations and webinars from Penn State Extension, PA Farm Bureau Leadership, Nationwide Insurance agents, and more! Local farmers and ag industry professionals will also have the opportunity to network and create connections throughout the day. Farmers, and ag professionals, from the following counties will be attending: Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Union, and York. Mark your calendars for March 14, 2023!

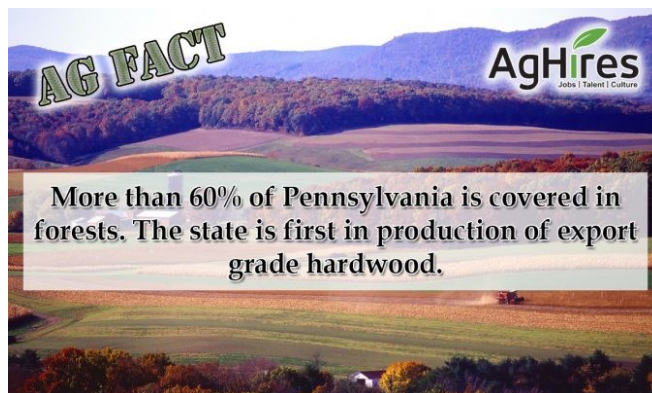
Source: PFB

## 2023 Farm Bill

2023 is the year for the Farm Bill! Congress will be tasked with passing the 2023 Farm Bill. PA will have a significant number of new U.S. Congressional members that have not gone through the process. The following 118th Congressional members in PA will be new: Representatives Dean, Houlahan, Meuser, Lee, Joyce, Reschenthaler, Deluzio, and Senator Fetterman. Please keep an eye on your email for Farm Bill handouts to help legislators understand the importance of this legislation.

Senate Agriculture Committee member Cory Booker (D-NJ) aims to incorporate the concept of “food as medicine” into the upcoming 2023 farm bill. His aim is to increase consumption of fruits and vegetables. One of Booker’s suggestions is for USDA to create a new specialty crop food box program to provide locally sourced fruits and vegetables to Medicaid patients. Fellow committee member Roger Marshall (R-KS), a physician, says he plans to introduce legislation with Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) for a large-scale pilot program to evaluate the cost savings and health benefits to Medicare recipients who are sent home from hospital stays with medically tailored meals.

Source: PFB & National Grange



## 4 New PFB State Board Members Elected

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) voting delegates elected four new individuals to its State Board of Directors during its 72nd Annual Meeting in Hershey.

Chris Hoffman, a Juniata County farmer has been elected as the ninth President of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) by voting delegates at the 72nd Annual Meeting of the state’s largest farm organization. Hoffman served as the vice president for the past eight years.

Cambria County beef and crop farmer Tommy Nagle was elected as the Vice President of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) by the state board of directors on Wednesday after the position was vacated by Chris Hoffman, who is now serving as PFB President.

New to the PFB State Board of Directors are Julie Schrum of York County, representing District 8, Megan Keller of Mifflin County, representing District 10, Robert Waddell of Crawford County, representing District 14 and Kaleb Long of Lancaster County, who is serving as the chair of the Young Ag Professionals Committee.

“We are excited to welcome our new state board members and look forward to working with them,” PFB President Chris Hoffman said. “We would also like to thank our retiring board members for their years of hard work and dedication to move Pennsylvania Farm Bureau forward.”

I look forward to this new and exciting role within PFB serving you on the State Board! New faces, new ideas, new energy for 2023, as well as learning and growing from the seasoned Board members! I will continue to work hard locally as well on the York County Board of Directors and continue to be the Newsletter Editor. Our main focus is to be advocates for our Farm Bureau families!

Source: PFB & Julie Schrum, YCFB



## Member Highlight: SkyBlu Farms

Andy Jackson, the son of Roy and Lisa Jackson and a third generation farmer, has been running tractors and farming as long as he can remember. Growing up he was always with his dad learning the tricks of the trade. During Andy's senior year, the farm had lost a hired hand, so Andy did all the planting before and after school as well as weekends to make sure it all got done.

Andy graduated in 1995 from Red Lion High School and began farming full time at that point and has not stopped since. He purchased the farm from his parents in 2016 and has continued to farm the roughly 3,200 acres.

Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, Barley and Hay are the crops planted every year. He currently has 5 full time farm hands, 3 part time farm hands and 1 admin assistant to help him with the business.

Along with 3,200 acres to farm, Andy also has approximately 600 beef cattle that he raises. Some of the cattle go to auction but he also sells the meat to the public. The cattle are raised under roof at a feedlot 2 miles from the home farm. They are transported to a USDA certified butcher shop in Lancaster County for packaging and then the cuts are sold to the public. He also sells ¼, ½ and whole animals to families that want to purchase the larger quantity and choose what cuts they get from their animal.

During the COVID-19 pandemic the beef sales improved because local people wanted to support local businesses. The quality of the beef speaks for itself and Andy has maintained most of those customers since the pandemic. Word of mouth has also helped increase that business. SkyBlu meat is served at both Roosevelt Tavern and Bones N Shells in York. Check out SkyBlu Farms on Facebook and schedule your order today!

*Source: Andy Jackson*

## Fusion Conference

Need a break from the cold? Consider heading to sunny Florida for the Fusion Conference here will be great speakers, breakout sessions and evening events to bring together volunteer leaders from the Promotion & Education, Women's Leadership and Young Farmers & Ranchers programs! More information at [www.fb.org](http://www.fb.org)



## 3 PA Women Graduate from Boot Camp

Fifteen farm and ranch women leaders have graduated from the fall session of Women's Communications Boot Camp hosted by the American Farm Bureau Federation. Among those fifteen were Amanda Balon from Elk County, Monet Bottenfield of Bradford County, and Julie Schrum of York County.

The intensive four-day course completed by the agricultural leaders featured hands-on sessions related to public speaking, working with the media and messaging. Graduates will use their training in a variety of ways such as participating in local media opportunities to strategically support Farm Bureau's policy work, sharing information with elected officials and joining social media campaigns that spotlight modern agriculture.



"Women farmers and ranchers are passionate advocates for agriculture," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "I applaud our graduates as they increase their engagement with both consumers and elected officials and take the next step in their leadership journey in agriculture."

This is the 17th Boot Camp. The program has 254 graduates and is open to all women involved in Farm Bureau. The next Boot Camp is scheduled for April 3-6, 2023 in Washington DC. Applications are being accepted now until January 27, 2023 at [www.fb.org](http://www.fb.org)

*Source: PFB*



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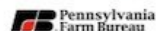
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